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REVISED INFORMATION ON SR-62 PROJECT

Morongo Valley – Caltrans began an improvement project in early January 2006 on State Route 62 to realign, repave, add curb and gutter and widen shoulders in Morongo Valley and Yucca Valley. The staging of the work has been revised to enhance safety to motorists and workers. The change will also accelerate the work, completing the project two months earlier. The project is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2006, weather permitting.

Currently one of two lanes on westbound SR-62 is closed for shoulder work from Hess Blvd. to La Honda Way (9-miles). Beginning next week, one of two lanes on eastbound SR-62 will be closed from Scholl Drive to Hess Blvd (6-miles). One lane will remain open in each direction including the center left turn lane until the shoulder widening is completed by late summer 2006.

To alleviate congestion and maintain a safe work environment, two of three segments of the project will be completed simultaneously. If the segments were to be completed one at a time, traffic control with flagging would take place with trucks merging in and out of lanes. This would also further impede traffic.

Work hours for the project will remain Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The lane closures will remain in effect during non-work hours for motorist safety. Following is the new order of work:

Now through late summer 2006:

- ✓ Install curb and gutter along with sidewalks from north of Adeline Way to Mountview Rd. (6 miles).
- ✓ Widen the west and eastbound shoulders and realign the route to accommodate 8-foot shoulders on both sides of the route.
- ✓ Lane closures will remain in effect during non-work hours for this segment of work. This is necessary because of the 12-inch drop off on the shoulder and for the movement of material from one area to another.

Late summer 2006 through winter 2007:

- ✓ A nine-mile section of the route will be repaved from west of Hess Blvd. to La Honda Way. Alternating lane closures will take place during the work hours and the lanes will be reopened in the evening and on weekends.

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Please be aware that traffic may be slower through the construction zone and that you may need to add some extra time to your commute. Arizona or river-bound travelers are advised to use I-10 to SR-177 to SR-62 or I-10 to US-95 to avoid construction delays.

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